

Official Minutes for Webb County  
Commissioners Court Meeting

MONDAY MAY 14, 2007 at 9:00 AM  
(approved May 29, 2007)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 10<sup>TH</sup> of May 2007. Present also were Mrs. Imelda Diaz, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

Item No. 1. ROLL CALL BY HONORABLE MARGIE RAMIREZ-IBARRA, WEBB COUNTY CLERK

Cmr. Sciaraffa not present.

Item No. 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item No. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2007

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present.

Item No. 4. APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS

Cmr. Sciaraffa present at 9:03 a.m.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained the monthly report (Report filed at the County Clerks Office).

Cmr. Garza asked if other alternatives were being looked at when obtaining cell phones; to which Mr. Eloy Ramirez, County Purchasing, advised that agreements are based on Court approvals.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. COMMUNICATIONS

Comr. Sciaraffa welcomed all Department Heads and congratulated everyone on a job well done during the Protecting the Environment week. He congratulated Judge Valdez on the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby.

Comr. Tijerina commended Ms. Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services, for the monthly seminar on the different health issues. She thanked everyone who donated food for the Eagle Pass victims. She wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day and congratulated Judge Valdez on the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby. Comr. Tijerina thanked Ms. Webb County Ana Rodriguez for being present and made presentation of certificates.

Comr. Garza wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day. He informed the community that everyone should be receiving their appraisal value statements and that assistance was available if needed to assist in reading the statements. He thanked everyone for their cooperation in providing assistance to the victims of Eagle Pass and thanked Mr. Larry Sanchez, Public Information Officer, for a job well done.

Comr. Martinez commended Judge Valdez on a good job with the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby. He also commended Mr. Mike Kazen and his staff for preparing the Mother's Day program. Comr. Martinez advised all Webb County that a Memorial Day celebration would take place on Penitas West on Sunday, May 27, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Judge Valdez wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day. He thanked everyone for participating in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby and gave special thanks to Mr. Jose Luis Ramos and Road & Bridge Department. Judge Valdez congratulated all graduates from LCC, TAMU, LISD, and UISD. He went on to congratulate all teachers for Teacher's Appreciation Week.

Item No. 6. Public Comment-This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

1<sup>st</sup> witness card – Margie Ramirez Ibarra (Webb County Clerk)

Mrs. Ibarra advised the Court that Mrs. Kristina Guerra, who is in charge of the Court Collections, would brief the Court on a status report of all collections.

Mrs. Kristina Guerra explained to the court that the report consisted on a summary of total collections collected by the County Clerks Office. Mrs. Ibarra advised everyone that on May 26- 27, The Vietnam Veterans of Laredo Association will be having a softball tournament. Mrs. Ibarra advised the Court that she would put an item on the agenda on the next meeting for any questions that they might have concerning the Court Collections.

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the Month of May 2007 as "*TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH*" in Webb County, Texas.

Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to County Judge, introduced Ms. Diana Castaneda, Lucy Garcia, and Elizabeth Morales who were present.

Judge Valdez read Proclamation.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of May 2007 as "*ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH*" in Webb County, Texas.

Ms. Sonia Lara and Ms. Evelyn Zuniga from Adult Protective Services were present.

Judge Valdez read Proclamation.

Item No. 9. Presentation by LCC President-Elect Dr. Juan Maldonado on the P-16 Initiative College Readiness and Success Strategic Action Plan for Educational Excellence.

Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to County Judge, asked the Court to defer item.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to defer item #9 and bring up item #35. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to award a two year (2007-2009) or four year (2007-2011) bank depository contract as well as designating bank depository, based on award recommendation by the Webb County Treasurer, for funds belonging to Webb County as well as certain trust and court registry funds held by the Webb County District and County Clerk, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to accept a four year bank depository contract with Commerce Bank. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to appoint a director for the following slot:  
Slot #2350 Las Presas Community Center

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to appoint Rosario Cantu for Slot #2350. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slots:  
Slot #2289 El Cenizo Community Center Clerk  
Slot #2142 Rio Bravo Community Center Secretary

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to name an appointee to the CAA Advisory Board Committee.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted for next meeting. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations of the City-County Government Issues Committee to have the City of Laredo and County of Webb partner for the planning, financing, construction and operation of the proposed 5th International Bridge and proposed Railroad Bridge, and any matters incident thereto. [Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Jerry Garza, Pct. 3]

Item discussion between Court, Mr. Leroy Medford, and Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney on file at the County Clerks Office May 14<sup>th</sup> DVD.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez voting against.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to include as part of her first motion for approval of item an Independent Engineer and Consulting Firm to perform a traffic and financial study on both sites. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to bring back item #9. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 9. Presentation by LCC President-Elect Dr. Juan Maldonado on the P-16 Initiative College Readiness and Success Strategic Action Plan for Educational Excellence.

Mr. Blas Castaneda thanked the Court and introduced Dr. Juan Maldonado, LCC President Elect.

Dr. Juan Maldonado thanked the Court for the opportunity to make presentation. (Presentation on file) Dr. Maldonado advised the Court that they would need to appoint a member to represent Commissioner's Court at a later date. He also thanked Ms. Cynthia Mares for her hard work as an LCC Trustee.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to have the Court work together and provide support for LCC. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to rename slot # 2346 (Administrative Technician) to Deputy Constable at an annual salary of 37,350.00 per year for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Cmr. Garza explained that the Court had already taken previous action on this item

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion on the county's use of lease purchase programs for acquisition of county vehicles and other equipment with possible action.

Cmr. Garza motioned to instruct the Auditor's office submit a report of all county vehicles to the Court. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez recommended to the Court to form a committee and have them bring back recommendations to the Court as to what is more feasible when purchasing the vehicles.

Cmr. Garza amended his motion and included that a committee be established and have two members of the Commissioner's Court, Mr. Leroy Medford, a representative from the County Attorney's, County Auditor's office, Purchasing Office, and Road & Bridge to look at the feasibility of lease purchase in Webb County and to establish a plan for the County and present it to the Court for possible adoption during the next budget.

Judge Valdez appointed Cmr. Garza and Cmr. Martinez, Mr. Leroy Medford, Mr. Homero Ramirez, Mr. Eloy Ramirez and Mr. Jose Luis Ramos to be part of the committee.

Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to transfer \$1,500.00 dollars from the Buenos Aires Community Center Repairs and Maintenance [account #001-6113-6402] to Buenos Aires Community Center Materials and Supplies [account #001-6113-6205].

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17. Staff report on Cuatro Vientos right of way acquisition with discussion and possible action.

Mr. Mike Cabello, Engineering Department, gave a status report to the Court.

Item No. 18. Status on the pending law suit Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000810-D1; 359 P4 L.L.C. vs. City of Laredo, Elizabeth G. Flores, County of Webb, and Leocadio "Leo" Flores; with possible action. Executive Session may be required pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

Cmr. Garza motioned to defer item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to transfer \$984.77 from Fund #658 Park Development Pct. #4 Series 2003 to Capital Outlay Series 2003 to purchase kitchen equipment for the Lilly Perez Community Center and to instruct the County Attorney to prepare an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo for that purpose.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to appoint Mr. Mike Cabello as interim Webb County Engineer, and address any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned for salary to be as budgeted for the County Engineer. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to direct the Administrative Services Department to prepare requests for qualifications for the position of Webb County Engineer, and address any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to go into Media Break. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **MEDIA BREAK( 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.)**

Judge Valdez motioned to bring back item #21 for clarification and bring up item #29. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to direct the Administrative Services Department to prepare requests for qualifications for the position of Webb County Engineer, and address any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Garza motioned to include under the RFQ that licenses should be obtained within a certain amount of time. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to enter into a water supply contract with the Geo Group, Inc. to supply water and sewer service to property located within Webb County's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) providing for improvements to the County's water and sewer treatment facilities (including water availability fees in the amount of \$196,854, water capital improvement contribution in the amount of \$174,366.00, and sewer capital improvement contribution in the amount of \$174,366.00), easements, construction warranties, and indemnification and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents subject to the County Attorneys approval of final legal revisions.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:  
From: Account #001-1001-6022 Professional Services \$3,000.00  
To: Account #001-1001-6205 Materials and Supplies \$3,000.00

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to Transfer of one (1) Vehicle 2000 Chevy Impala Vin#(2G1WF52E1Y9332294) from the District Attorneys Office to Constable Pct # 2 Ruben Reyes.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007) interlocal agreement with Laredo Independent School District (LISD) for three (3) Justices of the Peace Juvenile Court Coordinators in the amounts of ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY ONE DOLLARS (11,261.00) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 1, Place 1, FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (15,425.00) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct

1, Place 2, and TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (12,630.50) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 1 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Justices of the Peace Pct. 1, Pl. 1, Pct. 1, Pl. 2, Pct. 2, Pl. 1, Account No.'s 001-1041-6022, 001-1040-6022, 001-1042-6022 (Professional Services).]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008) Lease Renewal agreement with the City of Laredo International Airport for approximately 1000 square feet of office space constituting Building S-3 located at 1703 Sandman Street at a monthly rental fee of FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$516.00) for a total cost of SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$6,192.00) over the lease term, and authorizing the County Judge to Execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start, Account No. 903-4207-612 (Space Rental)].

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to accept ONE (1) right- of- way, out of D-5 Acres Subdivision, TWO (2) rights-of-way, out of Las Pilas Road, THREE (3) rights-of-way out of that tract of land in Webb County, Texas, commonly known as the "Vela Tract", and authorizing the County Judge and Commissioners to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (May 14, 2007 through May 13, 2008) non-financial agreement with the Laredo Medical Center, through the Laredo Comp Care Program, to provide Occupational Health Care Services to Webb County employees and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve the assignment of an agreement, dated March 26, 2007, between Webb County and the Mapus Investment Group No. 1, Ltd. to CBA Laredo Escon L.P. and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to correct typographical error to the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2007 item #51, to accurately reflect the Court voting unanimously to approve item.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:  
From: Acct #009-1120-5001 Payroll \$6,000.00  
To: Acct #009-1120-5005 Temporary Part Time \$6,000.00

From: Acct #005-1120-6022 Professional Services \$20,000.00  
To: Acct #005-1120-6205 Materials & Supplies \$20,000.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve line item transfers from accounts 009. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve line item transfers from accounts 005. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:  
From: Acct # 001-1100-5601 Administrative Travel \$2,040.00  
Acct # 001-1100-6011 Training & Education \$2,570.00  
Acct # 001-1100-6007 Dues and Memberships \$1,000.00  
To: Acct # 001-1100-6204 Fuel & Lubricants \$5,610.00

From: Acct # 001-1100-6007 Dues & Memberships \$1,000.00  
To: Acct # 001-1100-6010 Books & Subscribers \$1,000.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action approve the following line item transfer:  
From: Acct #001-1041- 6022 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$301.00  
To: Acct #001-1041- 5601 ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL \$301.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to approve a refund of \$3,821.70 to Cerrito Gathering Company from mineral accounts 991398692207940, 9911399092207940, 991399492207940, and 991401092207940 due to adjustment in mineral value for 2006.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.



Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to make line item transfers for various departments within the 2006-2007 budget:  
From: 001-2500-5004 (Constable Pct. 1) Longevity Pay \$ 1,600  
001-2500-5011 (Constable Pct. 1) Sick Leave Buy Back \$ 2,000  
Total \$ 3,600  
To: 001-2500-5006 (Constable Pct. 1) Education Incentive \$ 3,600  
  
From: 001-1100-5001 (District Attorney) Payroll \$20,435  
To: 001-1100-5002 (District Attorney) Incentive Pay \$14,660  
001-1100-5006 (District Attorney) Education Incentive \$ 5,310  
001-1100-5011 (District Attorney) Sick Leave Buy Back \$ 465  
Total \$20,435

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible to fill slot #2319, and modify title as follows:  
From: Personnel Specialist  
To: Receptionist/ Office Assistant @ \$9.75/hr

Ms. Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services, explained to the Court that the hourly rate should be at \$10.00/hr.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to accept an award in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the United Way of Laredo for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Elderly Nutrition Program. [Account Number 955-4222-5001]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to accept additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for FY 2007, in the amount of \$47,626.00 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.[Account Number 920-4200-5001]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to accept \$495,750.00 of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds for FY 2007, issue general orders accordingly publish a notice of public hearing and authorize the Executive Director to proceed with any necessary negotiation with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs and authorizing the Judge to sign all relevant documents.[Account Number 920-4200-5001]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to approve \$105,057.00 in Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs to be used in the Weatherization Program from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. [Account Number: 912-4224]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to approve \$60,369.00 in Department of Energy (DOE) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs to be used in the Weatherization Program from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. [Account Number: 912-4206]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to develop and submit an Other Victims Assistance Grant application to the Crime Victim Services Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$50,000.00 with no county matching funds for each of the two fiscal years FY 2008 and FY 2009 and designating the County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action authorizing to transfer funds:  
From: Acct. No. 001-0109-6022 General Fund Professional Services \$37,260.00  
To: Acct. No. 801-3001-6022 Water Utility Professional Services \$37,260.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Road & Bridge Department to construct the parking lot for the Law Enforcement Pistol and Rifle Range located on County Property on the south side of Hwy 59 utilizing Asphalt Milling Materials donated by TXDOT.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez thanked Congressman Cuellar for his support in obtaining the recycled asphalt.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action authorizing Change Order No. 1 to CG Construction Inc., for 43 additional days to the contract at no cost to the County for the LIFE Downs Show and Sale Barn. [Account Number 722-8112-8801-14]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

Water  
From: Acct. No. 801-3001-6005 Postage \$2,000.00  
801-3001-6048 License & Permits 3,000.00  
801-3001-6214 Chemicals 4,000.00  
801-3004-5001 Payroll Savings 16,000.00  
To: Acct. No 801-3001-6022 Utilities \$25,000.00

Sewer  
From: Acct. No. 801-3004-5001 Payroll Savings 17,000.00  
To: Acct. No. 801-3004-6022 Utilities \$17,000.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action authorizing final payment and retainage to Frank Architects Inc. in the amount of \$5,560.80 for the Villa Antigua Project. [Requested by Frank Architects, Inc.; Account Number 677-8102-8609, 725-8102-8609, 677-2311 and 725-2311]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action authorizing the dedication of a 0.036 acre (1,567 square feet - 10 feet wide) strip of land situated on Lot 5 Block 18 of the Western Division (Santa Ursula Ave. & Zaragoza St.) for the purpose of a perpetual easement and right of way for electric distribution lines to AEP and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$128,000.00 to Leyendecker Construction for the Girl Scout of Greater South Texas Service Center. [Account Number 690-2995 & 723-8103-8710-4]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to table item for further clarification. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action authorizing to transfer funds:

From: Acct. No. 726-3001-8801 Capital Outlay Bond Series 2006 TWDB \$45,000.00  
To: Acct. No. 801-3001-6022 Project Management Fees TWDB \$45,000.00

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to extend the length of employment for SLOT# 2183 (Area Service Manager) from 21 Pay Periods to 24 Pay Periods for FY 2006 – 2007. [Account Number 903-4208-5001]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to extend the length of employment for SLOT #s 1084 and 1087 (Bus Driver) from 24 Pay Periods to 26 Pay Periods for FY 2006 – 2007. [Account Number 903-4208-5001]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the continuation of the Juvenile Prosecution Project under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program and authorizing the County Judge to execute all forms relevant to said grant. [Account Number: Fund 153]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain a cellular phone from Verizon Wireless for the following:

Name	Department	Minutes	Monthly Rate	Yr. Total
Larry Sanchez	Information Officer	1350	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
Capt. Raul A. Flores	Constable Pct 2	750	82.50	990.00
Lt. Mario Reyes	Constable Pct 2	750	82.50	990.00
Omar Tijerina	J.P. Pct. 1 Pl. 1	750	82.50	990.00
				Total: \$4,770.00

Mr. Eloy Ramirez explained that Mr. Omar Tijerina would be omitted from the list.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Four (4) scanners, Two (2) computers with monitors and Two (2) Laserjet printers for a total of \$13,385.24 from Southern Computers Warehouse and Licenses from S.H.I. in the amount

of \$716.00 for a Grand Total of \$14,101.24 for the District Clerk's Office. Fund: 018-1110-8801 Bal: \$20,232.29 [Requested by Manuel Gutierrez; Account Number 018-1110-8801]

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) Grand Caravan SXT LWB 7 Passenger 3.8 Liter OHV V6 Engine Vehicle from Rogers Dodge of Alvin, Texas for the Domestic Violence Department in the amount of \$24,029.00. FUND: 169-1100-8801 Bal: \$25,147.05. [Account Number 169-1100-8801]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Terracom Consulting in the amount of \$14,925.00 for construction material testing and observation services for the Girl Scouts Building. [Requested by Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer; Account Number (723-8103-8710-4)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain the services of Pump Mechanical Technical Services to repair/replace Casa Blanca Golf Course Pump House Irrigation in the amount of \$1,590.00 for repair or \$11,550.00 for replacement. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr.; Account Number 01-6001-6402, 665-6001-8601]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase an Audio Video System in the amount of \$82,535.54 from VSGI through the MCTA state contract number 0710MSC-A-0036 for the 341st Judicial District Court. FUND: Certificates of Obligation Series 2006. [Requested by Judge Elma Salinas Ender; Account 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain 12 cellular phones through a contract with Verizon Cellular with an initial cost of \$1,344.78 that includes first month and activation. After that the monthly rate will be \$614.82 for 5,400 shared minutes paid by the "5311" Rural Public Transportation Grant, with no impact to the County's Budget. [Requested by Roberto Martinez, Jr.; Account Number 980-4205-6014]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed disposition/sale of the Juvenile Justice Center property described as approximately 1.5932 acres or (69,400 sq. ft) situated in the County of Webb, State of Texas, of Block 1028, Western Division, and any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to start year marking the savings on the interest earned and include going out for bids one more time and if not go out for bids to check who charges the least in commission. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment through the Capital Outlay Account, Bond Series 2006, for the Public Defender's Office:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
2	Laptop Computer	Lenovo	\$4,058.60
1	Scanner	Gov/Connection	\$69.00
2ea	License/Software SHI		\$716.00
			TOTAL: \$4,843.60

[Requested by Hugo D. Martinez; Account Number 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 64. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for J.P. Pct. 1, Pl. 1, Hector Liendo and J.P. Pct. 2, Pl. 1, Ramiro Veliz: FUND Capital Outlay Series 2006 Account No. 722-8108-8801, BAL: \$346,221.10.

Department	Description	Vendor	Amount
J.P. Pct. 1 Pl. 1	(1) Copier	Neville	\$7,695.00
Hector Liendo			
J.P. Pct. 2 Pl. 1	(1) Copier	Xerox	\$7,281.00
Ramiro Veliz			

TOTAL: \$14,976.00

[Requested by J.P. Hector Liendo & J.P. Ramiro Veliz]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 65. Discussion and possible action to award proposal P-2007 "Cuatro Vientos Acquisition Project " to:

Jeff Rutherford  
1384 Country Ridge Dr.  
New Branunfels, TX 78132  
[Account Number 716-7102-6022]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 66.	Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for Records Management Department:		
	Qty.	Description	Vendor
	1	Copier	OCS
	1	Fax Machine	OCS
			Amount
			\$3,775.00
			\$ 557.65
			TOTAL \$4,332.65

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 67.	Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for the District Attorney's Office: FUND:		
	Qty	Description	Vendor
	(4)	Nikon Digital Camera	B & H Photo
	(4)	Nikon Len	B & H Photo
	(4)	Lexar SD- Card	B & H Photo
			Amount
			\$2,879.80
			\$2,279.80
			\$ 111.80
			TOTAL \$4,271.40

[Forfeiture Funds, Account No. 169-1100-6224]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 68. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2007-78 "Repair Erosion Damage" to the lowest bidder:  
CG Construction  
2710 Zacatecas  
Laredo, Texas 78046  
Mr. David J. Cantu, Pres/Owner  
[Account Number TWDB-EDAP Grant]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 69. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) Police Package SUV from Philpott Motors, Contract VE03-06, in the amount of \$33,823.00 and One (1) XTL 5000, Motorola two way radio, in the amount of \$5,304.72 for a Grand Total of \$39,127.72 for Constable Ruben Reyes, Pct. 2. Requested by Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina from Capital Outlay, Bond series 2006. [Account Number 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 70. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for improvements to the Agriculture Building, Sheriff's Substation on U.S. Hwy. 59 funded with Forfeiture funds.[ Repairs & Maintenance Buildings Account Number 170-2001-6401]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 71. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) Digital Camera from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$909.16 for the County Information Officer. [FUND: Capital Outlay Series 2006 Account No. 722-8108-8801 Account Number 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 72. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Audio/Video Equipment for the Commissioners' Court for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. [Funded by Capital Outlay Series 2006. Account No. 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 73. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe from Baby Jack II Automotive LTD d/b/a Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Contract Number VE03-06, in the amount of \$34,833.00 and One (1) XTL 5000, Motorola two way radio in the amount of \$5,533.10 for a Total of \$40,366.10 for the District Attorney's Office. [FUND: 169-1100-8801 (Federal Forfeiture Money) Account Number 169-1100-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 74. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain the services of Summit Communications Company in the amount of \$3,339.00 for the installing and programming of new telephone system at Santa Teresita Community Center. [Account Number 722-6114-8801]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 75. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) 15 passenger E-350 Ford Club Wagon from Philpott through BUYBOARD #208-04 Contract in the amount of \$20,946.00 for Santa Teresita Community Center. [Account Number 722-6114-8801]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.



Item No. 76. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) digital Copier from Ikon in the amount of \$1,795.00 for Santa Teresita Community Center. [FUND:Capital Outlay Account No. 722-6114-8801, BAL: \$49,885.25.]

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 77. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for Santa Teresita Community Center:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Photo Smart Printer	VALCOM	\$ 189.00
1	Electric Range	LOWE'S	\$ 942.94
1	Refrigerator	LOWE'S	\$ 1,882.97
1 ea	Small Appliances SAM'S		\$ 175.85
1 ea	DVD, Microwave SAM'S		\$ 445.84
1	42" Television	CIRCUIT CITY	\$ 2,034.96
4	LaserJet Printers VALCOM		\$ 1,440.00
5	Fire Extinguishers	BORDER FIRE	\$ 377.25
7	Wastebaskets/Trash bags	LOWE'S	\$ 161.70
1 ea	Flag pole/flag	BETSY ROSS	\$1, 114.75
			TOTAL \$ 8,603.56

[from Capital Outlay Account 722-6114-8801]

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Comr. Garza not present.

Item No. 78. Discussion and possible action to approve purchases from the Technology Fund, Account No. 016-1044-8801 for J.P. Pct. 4, Oscar O. Martinez as follows:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Computer	CDW-G	\$919.35
1	Software	SHI	\$802.00
1	Software license	SHI	\$358.00
1	Fax Machine	PATRIA OFFICE	\$440.00
2	Money Counting Machine	EXECUTIVE	\$599.80
1	Multi Zone Metal	AUTO CLEAR & Detector BOMB DETECTOR	\$4,230.00
			TOTAL: \$7,349.15

[Account Number 016-1044-8801]

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 79. Discussion and possible action to authorize Dept. 7002, Road & Bridge Department to fill the following slot:  
Slot # 2356 Truck Driver @ \$10.97/hr.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No .80. Discussion and possible action to authorize Dept. 0108, Road & Bridge/Motor Pool Department to fill the following slot:  
Slot # 2065 Diesel Mechanic @ \$12.26/hr.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 81. Discussion and possible action to amend fund 010 Road & Bridge by allowing the following transfers listed below:  
From: 010-7002-6205 Mat. & Supplies \$115,000.00  
To: 010-7002-6703 Landfill Fees \$70,000.00  
010-7002-6402 Rep. & Maint. of Equip. \$25,000.00  
010-7002-6404 Rep. & Maint. of Bridges \$20,000.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to go into Executive session. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## Executive Session( 12:45 pm to 2:55 pm )

Judge Valdez advised that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Item No. 18. Status on the pending law suit Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000810-D1; 359 P4 L.L.C. vs. City of Laredo, Elizabeth G. Flores, County of Webb, and Leocadio "Leo" Flores; with possible action. Executive Session may be required pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised that no action was necessary on this item.

Item No. 82. Consultation with the County bond attorney and Commissioners Court regarding authority to oversee spending for projects identified in bond issues.[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised that no action was necessary on this item .

Item No. 83. Discussion and possible action to consider and act on the recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee regarding the grievance filed by Cayetano Tijerina, former Assistant Human Resources Coordinator. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that both Cmr. Tijerina and Cmr. Garza excused and abstained themselves from any discussion and deliberation.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to affirm the recommendation from the Webb County grievance committee. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Tijerina and Cmr. Garza abstaining from voting

Item No. 84. Discussion and possible action regarding mediation in Satterfield & Pontikes, Inc. v. Webb County, Texas and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised that no action was necessary on this item.

Item No. 85. Discussion and possible action to compromise and settle property damage & bodily injury claims resulting from a collision between a Webb County vehicle and a vehicle being driven by Heraclio Gallegos on or about June 7, 2007. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended to the Court to authorize Counsel to settle within the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve Counsel to settle within the parameters. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 86. Discussion and possible action give direction and authority in Texas Workforce Commission - Civil Rights Division Charge No. 1A70562 and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge No. 31C-2007-00735; Elizabeth Martinez vs. Webb County Commissioners Court. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised that no action was necessary on this item.

Item No. 87. Adjournment

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.